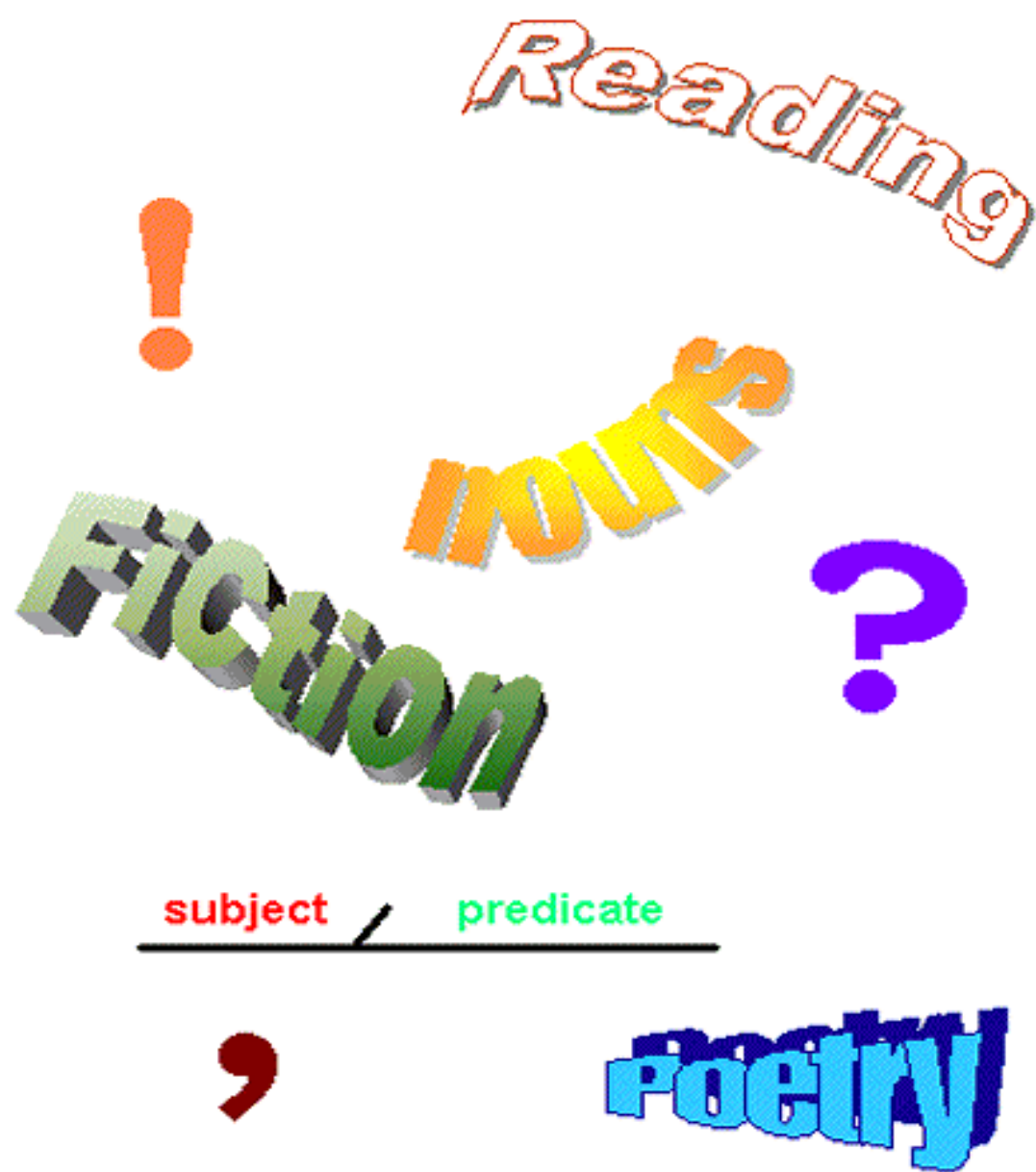


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What if I were an Aerospace Engineer

Aerospace engineers are responsible for developing a wide array of vehicles that not only fly through the air, but even to outer space. There are two branches of aerospace engineering. Those who work primarily on aircraft are considered aeronautical engineers, and those that work in the branch specifically dealing with spacecraft are considered astronautical engineers.

Aerospace engineers spend a great amount of time designing and drawing these wonderful vehicles that can weigh as much as a half million pounds. In the design stage, they can draw hundreds of different designs just to complete of a dozen suggested designs. They often use Computer Aided Design (CAD) programs, lasers, robots, and advanced tools to assist them in the design process.

Once a design is agreed upon, aerospace engineers oversee the manufacturing and development of these vehicles. During the development process, aerospace engineers often create new technologies such as propulsion, acoustic (noise reduction), defense, and/or guidance systems. The technologies created for one type of vehicle often can be adapted many types of vehicles.

Because of their expertise in the design and production of very efficient vehicles, many aerospace engineers are finding it financially rewarding to work in the motor vehicle industry. Large automobile manufactures are using the skills of Aerospace engineers to reduce the noise and air resistance of their cars, as well as to make them more fuel-efficient. As the race for an alternative to gasoline fuel takes place, aerospace engineers are finding the automobile industry a welcome place to work.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were an Aerospace Engineer Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. Which of the following might an aerospace engineer help create?

- A. Space shuttle
- B. New soft drink
- C. New piece of clothing
- D. House

2. What is the name given to aerospace engineers who design and develop spacecraft?

- A. Aeronautical engineers
- B. Alien engineers
- C. Astronautical engineers
- C. Outer space engineers

3. Which of the following would an aeronautical engineer **probably not** use when developing a new aircraft?

- A. Computer
- B. Robot
- C. MP3 player
- D. Laser

4. Many aerospace engineers specialize in one area of their field. What type of work do you think *Acoustic Aerospace Engineers* specialize in?

- A. Propulsion
- B. Noise Reduction
- C. Guidance systems
- D. Navigation systems

5. Do you feel you would like to work as an aerospace engineer? _____

State four specific reasons why or why not.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

What if I were a Chef



A good chef is essential to the success of any restaurant, hotel, or resort. Chefs prepare a variety of foods from everyday garlic bread to exotic and colorful cuisine.

Chefs usually work in concert with a variety of other food preparation workers that assist them by cleaning preparation areas, peeling fruits and vegetables, and slicing and trimming uncooked meat.

The primary responsibility of a chef is to measure, mix, and cook ingredients according to predetermined recipes. Many talented chefs will make slight variations to well-developed recipes to leave their mark on the finished meals.

The art of food preparation requires chefs to learn how to use an intricate assortment of food preparation tools. They are well trained on the use of blenders, knives, slicers, and grinders to cut food into smaller pieces. Chefs use tools such as broilers, grills, and ovens to cook foods.

In a restaurant kitchen, it is of the utmost importance that chefs maintain and monitor the temperatures at which foods are kept if they are not used immediately after preparation. If foods drop below certain temperatures, bacteria may contaminate them; this may cause people who eat the contaminated food to get very sick. Restaurants that fail health inspections are heavily fined, and in extreme cases, a restaurant may be shut down and never allowed to operate again.

A large banquet hall may employ a number of chefs and several groups of kitchen staff. Each chef usually has a special assignment. Chefs are responsible for directing staff workers, estimating the amount of food needed, ordering supplies, and developing/planning menus.

Many chefs learn all of their skills on the job. The level of skill required of an executive chef in many fine restaurants is achieved only after many years of training and experience. Many chefs attended a two or four-year college programs and then take on an apprenticeship with an experienced chef. As they progress in skill, they slowly take over more kitchen responsibilities until they take over all the responsibilities and are ready for their own kitchen.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Chef Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. Food preparation workers that work under a chef may partake in all of the following activities except?

- A. Carrying large meats from the freezer to the chef.
- B. Peeling potatoes.
- C. Cleaning a cutting board.
- D. Directly preparing meals.

2. On a typical day, what activity might a chef do?

- A. Driving a bus.
- B. Chopping onions, while preparing a salad.
- C. Making a birdhouse.
- D. Swimming in a pool.

3. Why is it very important that food is served while it is still warm?

- A. Food does not like to be cold . B. The food may evaporate .
- C. People may get sick if it not thoroughly heated.

4. Where do many chefs learn food preparation skills?

- A. On the job B. From a book
- C. In elementary school D. Over the phone

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a chef? _____

List four specific reasons why or why not.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

What if I were a Bus Driver



Everyday millions of people throughout the world get to their destinations by buses. Buses transport people locally, across states, and even cross-country. Drivers pick up and drop off passengers at designated bus stops.

At the start of each shift, bus drivers report to their assigned terminal. Once they arrive, they receive a stack of tickets, transfers, and trip forms. A transfer is sold to passengers who need to transfer to another form of most transportation after exiting the bus. In some cases, bus drivers must do a vehicle inspection prior to accepting the bus. During the inspection, they check the bus's lights, oil fuel, coolant, wipers, brakes, tires, safety equipment, and general condition. If they accept the bus, any damage incurred by the bus there after is the responsibility of that bus driver.

Once the driver accepts the bus, they begin to drive to the first location on their schedule. As they pass through their scheduled stops, they collect fares, announce stops, and answer many questions. In the case of local transit, bus stops are usually located a few miles apart for each other. On metropolitan bus routes, bus stops can cities apart.

At the conclusion of a workday, drivers submit a variety of reports. These records include data such as trip records, delays, vehicle inspections, and mechanical problems. The reports are stored for long periods.

The requirements to become a bus driver are quite rigorous. The governing body in which the bus company serves determines each set of standards that drivers must maintain. In order to operate vehicles that transport 16 or more passengers must tender a commercial driver's license (CDL). To obtain a CDL, applicants must pass a written test on bus operation and safety. They must also pass a physical examination by a licensed physician, which they must update every two-three years.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Bus Driver Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5 , write your answer in complete sentences.

1. Where is the first place a bus driver goes when they start working?

A. The first bus stop on their route. B. Their designated bus terminal.

C. The school they serve. D. The vehicle inspection area.

2. What are bus transfers? Passes that allow you to:

A. Enter sporting events. B. Purchase items at a discount.

C. Enter large buildings. D. Use other forms of transportation.

3. How do drivers insure that they are not charged for damage to their bus caused by drivers who were previously operating their bus?

A. They carry out an inspection. B. They never drive the same bus.

C. They line their buses with rubber tape. D. They purchase extra tires.

4. Once a driver finishes their entire bus route, what do they do for the remainder of their shift?

A. Take a driving test. B. Practice emergency maneuvers.

C. Completed detailed reports. D. Change the bus's oil.

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a bus driver? _____

List four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



What if I were a Construction Worker

Construction workers are involved in the construction of many different types of structures such as bridges or large buildings. Many construction workers change employers after they finish a construction job. The duties of a construction worker differ just about every time they accept employment. In most cases, they work in many different locations that may be hundred miles away from home.

Construction work is a very strenuous outdoor profession. Construction workers endure climbing, bending, and lifting and moving heavy objects. Often they put themselves at risk of injury while working with sharp tools and in areas where it is all too easy to fall or slip.

Local governments often determine the types of materials and working hours for builders. Construction workers are expected to follow all state and local regulations. If they fail to follow the regulations, the building company can be fined heavily.

Construction work can be learned on the job or in a formal training course. Most construction workers work for years under the supervision of other experienced workers.

Construction workers might experience long periods of unemployment, especially when the local and national economy is doing poorly. Construction workers from geographic regions that experience long, snowy winters have a hard time to finding employment at this time of the year. Very little new construction is done during these periods due to the extreme winter conditions.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Construction Worker Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. While working, where would you most likely find a carpenter?

A. Construction yard

B. Computer room

C. Office building

D. Clothing plant

2. What makes a career as a carpenter very unique?

A. They work use computers.

B. They use tools daily.

C. They change employers continuously.

D. They work indoors.

3. Which of following duties are not performed by carpenters?

A. Putting windows in a house

B. Laying foundation for a building.

C. Installing a skylight

D. Making a knit blanket.

4. Who determines the type of materials carpenters can use?

A. Local school principal

B. Lead carpenter involved

C. National government

D. Local government.

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a carpenter? _____

List four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



What if I were a Chiropractor

Doctors of chiropractic medicine treat patients whose medical problems center on the body's muscular, nervous, and skeletal systems. They often work with patients who suffer from chronic spinal problems. Chiropractic medicine is based on the theory that interference with the spinal system and nervous tissue damages the body's normal functions and weakens the human immune system.

Chiropractors recommend drugless and non-surgical health treatments. They rely on the body's natural homeostatic (self-stabilizing) mechanisms. Lifestyle recommendations are often made to patients. Chiropractors view activities such as drinking water, eating a well-balanced diet, exercising, and sleeping as vital to a person's overall health. They must be keen observers and good with their hands. As do all people-related professions, chiropractic care requires good interpersonal skills.

When confronted with patients whose difficulty is the result of muscular or skeleton issues, chiropractors make manual adjustments to their patients' spinal columns. Many practitioners employ the use of massage, heat therapy, water, and ultra sound.

Many chiropractors work with patients who have suffered a major trauma from a fall or sports related injury. The majority of patients a chiropractor sees are middle age or older.

It requires at least two years of undergraduate college and satisfactory completion of a four-year chiropractic college program to become a chiropractor. In the United States of America, chiropractors must also pass a test administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Chiropractor Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. The majority of chiropractors work with patients who suffer from pain in which region of their body?

A. Hands

B. Feet

C. Spine

D. Ears

2. What type of therapy do chiropractors often prescribe?

A. Prescription drugs

B. Manual spinal adjustments

C. Surgery

D. Blood treatments

3. Which of following injuries may require a person to see a chiropractor?

A. Stubbed toe

B. A severed limb

C. Sunburn

D. Chronic lower back pain

4. On the average, how long does a chiropractor train before serving patients?

A. 2-4 years

B. 3-5 years.

C. 6-8 years

D. 10-13 years.

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a chiropractor? _____

Identify four reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What if I were a Dancer



Dating back to ancient times, people have used their bodies to express emotions, tell stories, and make sounds. It is called dancing. People use a variety of dance movements that allow for self-expression. Many dances string several movements together.

Dancers perform in musicals, folk, ethnic, tap, and pop culture productions. They perform these programs in a variety of venues – on stage, on television, in movies and music videos, and in commercials. For the most part, dancers perform in groups, but some of the best dancers perform solos as well.

Many dancers seek the advice and leadership of choreographers who develop new dances or interpretations of existing dances. Choreographers often create a dance routine and then hold auditions to cast the dancers they feel best fit the lead and supporting roles. They then spend countless hours working with the dancers to perfect the routines.

Dancing is a physically demanding profession. The majority of dancers retire before the age of forty due the strenuous nature of the profession. Though they may “hang up” their dance shoes, many continue in the field of dance as administrators, coaches, choreographers, directors, or teachers.

Dancers endure long rehearsals that last many hours. The average dancer-in-training spends eight hours a day training to keep their body in shape and perfect their routine. Most dance companies spend a great deal of time on the road, but they do not operate year-round. Because of this, dancers with supporting roles seek employment at nightclubs and entertainment-oriented resorts to keep in shape.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Dancer Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. Dance is a form of _____.

A. Self-expression.

B. Music

C. Writing

D. Memory loss

2. What is the function of a choreographer?

A. They are lead dancers.

B. They dress the dancers.

C. They monitor dancers' health.

D. Create dance routines.

3. For the most part, who chooses the dancers for a production?

A. Musical composer

B. Dance producer

C. Choreographer

D. Lead dancer

4. Why do many dancers retire at a relatively young age?

A. They begin to forget routines.

B. They lose flexibility.

C. Physical demands overcome them.

D. They cannot dance anymore.

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a dancer? _____

Identify four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



What if I were a Computer Programmer

Computer programmers develop and maintain detailed instructions called programs that computers perform to make them functional. Computer programs are written in a variety of computer languages. In recent years, owing to countless innovations in this field, computer programmers are in great demand in professions from banking and baseball to movies and manufacturing.

In a way, the job of a computer programmer is to tell computers what to do. They tell computers what information to recognize, how to manipulate this data, and what equipment to use. Computer programs are written to complete simple functions such as adding two numbers. They are also written to complete complex task such as managing major financial records. Creating programs can take programmers anywhere from a few hours to a few years based on the complexity of the program.

The job of a programmer does not end once they create a program. They often update their own programming code as changes are needed. In addition, they repair programs that are not functioning properly. Programmers often test programs to ensure the instructions are correct and it produces the desired results. If an error occurs, the programmer will continue to make changes until the program produces the correct results. This process is called debugging.

Programmers usually work in comfortable offices or out of their homes. Many programmers work long hours and weekends, to meet critical deadlines. Many programmers never even meet their clients face-to-face. Due to the advent of the Internet, many programmers can work out of their homes. In home settings, programmers are sent instructions for the programmers that they are to create. Once completed, they email or install the program from home.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Computer Programmer Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. What are computer programs?

A. Dance routines

B. Types of floppy disks

C. Sets of instructions computers follow

D. Printers

2. What language are computer programs written in?

A. French

B. German

B. English

D. Computer language

3. Once a programmer completes writing a program they _____.

A. Test and debug the program.

B. Rewrite it in English.

C. Sell it immediately.

D. Put bugs in the program.

4. What makes a computer programmer's job unique?

A. Many never meet the people they work for. B. They use tools daily.

C. They type very well.

D. They work outdoors.

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a computer programmer? _____

Describe specific 4 reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What if I were a Firefighter



Fires are to blame for the loss of countless lives and billions of dollars every year. Firefighters help protect people and their property from injury and damage. Firefighters put their life on the line every time they respond to a call.

While on duty, firefighters must be ready to respond in a matter of minutes to just about any disaster that may occur. At every fire scene, a superior fire officer takes command and directs the jobs of all the personnel at the scene. Some firefighters operate hose lines to hydrants while others manually operate the pumps to send water to the hoses. Teams of firefighters also operate ladders used to reach distances high in the air.

In addition to responding and handling fire calls, firefighters provide emergency medical services as well. The majority of calls that firefighters respond to involve emergency medical situations. Firefighters receive a great deal of emergency medical training. Many fire departments require that all employees be certified emergency medical technicians.

When they are not helping someone in need, firefighters spend much of their time at fire stations. Each fire station that employs full-time firefighters usually has a dormitory facility where firefighters can sleep when working long shifts. When the alarm sounds in the fire station, firefighters rush into action, regardless of time of day or weather.

In the line of duty, firefighters encounter a variety of harmful substances. They are highly trained to deal with these substances. They often are exposed to high temperatures, smoke, and a variety of harmful gases. In some cases, they are exposed to radioactive and hazardous materials that have a long-term negative effect on their health.

To help firefighters do their job in such extreme conditions, they use the latest fire prevention technology available to them. They wear a fire retardant coats and pants that can withstand very high temperatures. They wear boots that withstand even greater temperatures, just in cases they actually have to walk on a structure that is engulfed in flames. They also usually wear helmets that are equipped with oxygen masks that help them breath in smoke-filled areas that are filled with harmful gases.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Firefighter Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. How long does it take for firefighters to respond to reported fires?

A. seconds

B. a half-hour

C. one hour

D. two hours

2. Where do firefighters usually respond to calls from?

A. Police station

B. Fire station

C. Water tower

D. Hospital

3. Besides fighting fires, firefighters are highly trained in what field?

A. Emergency medicine.

B. Police duty

C. Sanitation

D. Underwater breathing

4. What type of substance can have long-term effects on your health, even with very little exposure to it?

A. High temperatures

B. Smoke

C. Oxygen

D. Radioactive substances

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a firefighter? _____

State four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



What if I were an Electrician

Ever since the invention of the light bulb by Thomas A. Edison, people have become more and more dependent on electricity. Electricity allows us to light and power our homes and businesses. Without electricity, there would be no way to power our video games or televisions. Electricians harness the use of electricity; they connect, install, and maintain electrical systems. Many electricians specialize in either maintaining electrical systems or constructing new electrical systems.

Regardless of where electricians are working, they must comply with many national and local policies and procedures. When creating a new electrical system, electricians must follow the electric code for the county they are working in. Electricians must also take into consideration the local building codes when installing systems.

When installing a new system, electricians first place piping or tubing inside designated areas of the wall, ceiling, or flooring. Then they fasten small boxes to the walls that will serve as electrical outlets or switches. After that, they run well-insulated wires through the piping or tubing to be attached to the main power feed to these outlets and switches. The last step in wiring a facility is to test the connections and circuits to make sure all of the electricity is safely reaching its desired destination.

As technology grows stronger, electricians are utilized in areas other than just wiring and maintenance. Many electricians also install fiber-optic cable for computers, telephone equipment, fire systems, and even security systems.

Most electricians learn their trade by working under a master electrician for several years. In addition to electrical training, they also receive training in welding, reading blue prints, safety, first aid, mathematics, and electrical wiring codes.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were an Electrician Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. When constructing a home, which of the following would be a job for an electrician?

A. Pouring concrete

B. Installing Siding

C. Wiring the entire home

D. Constructing a staircase

2. Who determines the Electrical Standards for construction purposes?

A. National government

B. State government

C. Local government

D. The Electricians Club

3. When wiring a house, what is the first thing an electrician installs?

A. Electrical outlets

B. Piping or tubing to house wires

C. Wires

D. Controller box

4. Which of the following would not be installed by an electrician?

A. Fiber optic cable

B. Telephone booths

C. Fire safety system

D. Mailbox

5. Do you feel you would like to work as an electrician? _____

Write four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What if I were a Pharmacist



When you feel sick and visit a physician, many times they prescribe a variety of medications that will help you get better. Physicians then select the type of drug and dosage you should take. It is then the job of pharmacists to provide you with the drug(s) prescribed by the physician.

Pharmacists not only dispense controlled substances and over-the-counter medications, but they also advise many health professionals on the selection, dosage, and side effects of medications.

Many pharmacists work in community or retail pharmacies. In this setting, they counsel patients on the proper use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Pharmacists also make recommendations about medical equipment and medical supplies.

Pharmacists in hospital settings distribute medications to patients and advise the medical staff on the selection and effects of drugs. They also devise and monitor drug regimens for patients in need of extended care. Pharmacists even manage the care of patients after they leave the hospital as well.

The age of technology has improved the accuracy and reliability of pharmacy. Large computer databases are maintained that contain vast amounts of information about the properties of just about every medication available in a pharmacy. Before a drug is dispensed to a patient, the drug must be cross-referenced with other drugs to ensure that the drug will not interact with any other medication the patient may have taken recently. The drug is then checked to make sure that the patient will not have an allergic reaction to the medication.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Pharmacist Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. You might need a pharmacist in order to receive which of the following?

A. Surgical tools

B. Prescribed medication

C. Sports equipment

D. Groceries

2. Who decides what types of prescription medications you will take if you are sick?

A. Teacher

B. Pharmacist

C. School nurse

D. Physician

3. If a pharmacist preferred to supervise the drug regimen of their patients daily, which physical setting would be beneficial to them?

A. Airport

B. Community pharmacy

C. Mall

D. Hospital

4. What tool is used to double check that the medication you are to take will not have an interaction with another medication you are taking?

A. Cash registers

B. Cameras

C. Computer databases

D. Calculators

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a pharmacist? _____

Write four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



What if I were an Attorney

Our laws affect us in just about every facet of our lives, from driving our cars to buying a house. When we have a legal problem, we may seek the advice of an attorney. Attorneys serve the roles of advocate and advisor concerning legal rights and responsibilities.

Attorneys act as advocates and represent a person or groups of people in both criminal and civil trials by presenting evidence to support and protect their clients. They also act as advisors and counsel clients on their legal rights. When advising, they suggest a plan of action in the case of business and personal matters.

The type of attorney a person or group hires varies depends on the field in which the attorney specializes. For example, an attorney may specialize in environmental law and represent public interest groups, waste disposal companies, construction firms, and even the Environmental Protection Agency. In situations such as this, an attorney may work years on a case representing a waste disposal company.

The majority of attorneys work either for themselves or with a group of other professionals in a private practice. Most private attorneys will concentrate on either criminal or civil law. Criminal lawyers represent people who have been charged with a crime. Civil attorneys assist clients in a number financial matters and variety of personal litigation.

Most of the work of an attorney is done from the comfort of their office. Some lawyers do in fact make house calls in cases where clients are immobile such as when they are in a hospital or prison.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were an Attorney Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. Why is it very common for a company to hire a number of different attorneys?

- A. They each have different specialties. B. Attorneys cannot work long.
C. By law, you can only use an attorney once. D. They fire those that lose.

2. In which of the following situations might you seek the advice of an attorney?

- A. You are thinking of buying a television.
B. You scrap your knee when playing soccer.
C. You receive a parking ticket for parking your bike in a fire lane.
D. You finish writing a book need to edit it.

3. If you knew someone who committed a crime, what type of attorney would you tell them to seek?

- A. Civil attorney B. Tax attorney
C. Environmental attorney D. Criminal attorney

4. If you knew someone who wanted to claim financial damages against a company, what type of attorney would you tell them to seek?

- A. Civil attorney B. Tax attorney
C. Environmental attorney D. Criminal attorney

5. Do you feel you would like to work as an attorney? _____

State four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

What if I were a Police Officer



At one point in your life, when you least expect it, you will need help. When in need, we always can depend on police officers to come to our rescue. They are usually the first to respond to an emergency. Police officers that come across an emergency control the scene and take the necessary steps to resolve the situation.

Police officers can serve the public either in uniforms or plain clothes. Uniformed officers perform most of their duties in the public eye. This makes them easily identifiable. About sixty-five percent of the police force nationally is uniformed personnel. Most uniformed officers follow a routine patrol within their own specific area. Officers that patrol non-active areas usually will patrol by themselves. In very active areas, teams of two or more officers conduct patrols.

An officer's job is very stressful and dangerous. Police are confronted with a variety of situations that are very hard to control. Many officers witness death and suffering by the people they encounter daily. Uniformed officers commonly work 40-hour weeks, but overtime is a common practice. Some officers work as much as 60-hour weeks, when the need arises. Officers commonly work on holidays, weekends, and evenings.

In order to qualify to be a police officer you must be a citizen of the country, usually at least 20 years old, a high school graduate, and you must pass a rigorous physical examination. After these qualifications are met, candidates must take a written entrance exam. Candidates are then chosen to enter the profession based on their score on this test and their past academic achievements.

Before they begin to serve the public, officers undergo a period of training in a state or local police academy. Police academies typically last 12 to 14 weeks. Training includes classroom instruction in law and civil rights, accident investigation, and common procedures. Recruits also receive hands-on training on the use of firearms, defensive weapons, crowd control, self-defense, emergency response, and traffic control.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Police Officer Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. Who is usually the first person on the scene when an emergency occurs?

A. Firefighters

B. Police officers

C. Attorneys

D. Doctors

2. Which part of the application process determines the initial entry date of a candidate into a police academy?

A. Score on the driving test

B. Score on the shooting exam

C. Score on the written exam

D. Level of physical fitness

3. Most police officers dress in_____.

A. Full uniforms

B. Suits

C. Cap and gowns

D. Street clothes

4. Which of the following **is not** a requirement to qualify to be a police officer?

A. Citizen of the country

B. Expertise in rifle shooting

C. High-school graduate

D. Physical examination

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a police officer? _____

Write four specific reasons why or why not

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



What if I were A Veterinarian

Many people love the companion of animals. When we get sick, we go to a physician. When our furry friends get sick, we take them to a veterinarian. Veterinarians take care of all sorts of pets, livestock, and laboratory animals. Some veterinarians even work to protect humans from diseases carried by animals.

The vast majority of practicing veterinarians work in their own private practice where they treat predominately small animals. The animals usually seen by these doctors include birds, cats, dogs, rabbits, reptiles, and rodents. Some veterinarians care for farm animals such as cattle, goats, pigs, and sheep. Veterinarians normally diagnose health problems, vaccinate animals against disease, and medicate those animal patients that are suffering from illness or infection.

Although veterinarians work exclusively with animals, they use medical equipment and diagnostic techniques that are familiar to doctors who treat us. They can often be found using tools such as stethoscopes, common surgical instruments, and ultra-sound equipment.

Some veterinarians work with researchers and clinical physicians to benefit human health. Some determine the effects of antibiotics, medication, and other medical techniques by testing them on animals in their care.

Veterinarians work long hours. Many commonly work 50-hour weeks. Many times, they can be found working nights and weekends. This is largely due to the fact that cannot drive to the veterinarian when their owner is not home. Many veterinarians occasionally respond to emergencies.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Veterinarian Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. Who might be a patient of a veterinarian?

A. You

B. Your parents/guardians

C. Your teacher

D. Your favorite pet

2. Why do a number of veterinarians work late hours and weekends?

A. Pets cannot drive themselves, so they wait for their owners to drive.

B. Pets are only awake during this time.

C. Most veterinarians are busy fighting crime early in the week.

D. Pets need at least three people to bring them to the doctors.

3. In a basic veterinarian private practice, which of the following pets are veterinarians sure to be capable to serve?

A. Tigers

B. Elephants

C. Dogs

D. Giraffes

4. How does a veterinarian's work benefit human health?

A. They determine effects of antibiotics B. They know which bones are tasty.

C. They help our cats sleep better. D. They help interpret X-rays.

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a veterinarian? _____

Describe four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What if I were a Real Estate Broker?



One of the most important and largest financial decisions in a persons' life is the purchase or sale of a home. When confronted with such complex decisions, most people seek the advice of a real estate broker or a real estate agent. Real estate brokers and agents act as sales agents for the sale or purchase of homes and commercial buildings (real estate).

Real estate brokers sell real estate owned by others. They may also rent and manage properties for profit. Brokers usually arrange all of the meetings and details of the transactions between buyers and sellers of properties.

Real estate agents usually work on a contract basis for licensed real estate brokers. Sales agents focus on selling individual properties; in return, brokers pay successful sales agents a percentage of their profits for each closed sale.

Most real estate brokers and agents serve specific geographic areas. As they gain experience in a specific region, they become familiar with local zoning policies, tax laws, and the value of homes in that area. In some cases, brokers help prospective buyers secure finances to make purchases. This factor can also help them make the sale, since some buyers have trouble getting loans due to their past financial history.

The majority of a broker's time is spent securing the rights to sell individual properties. Brokers must convince individuals that are looking to sell property to allow them to act as their representative for their sale. Once they successfully secure a listing, they must help the seller determine the selling price for the property. Listing prices are usually determined by researching recent sales of comparable properties in the area. When the seller finally completes the sale of their property, they pay a commission (usually a percentage of the sale) to the broker for their services.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Real Estate Broker Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1 -4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. What other activities do real estate brokers partake in other than the sale and purchase of homes?

- A. Repairing dish washers
- B. Renting and managing properties
- C. Snow shoveling
- D. Lawn maintenance

2. In which of the following situations should you seek the services of a real estate broker?

- A. You would like to buy a new car.
- B. You are in need of legal advice.
- C. You would like to sell your home.
- D. You are trying to find a lost pet.

3. How do real estate brokers spend the majority of their time?

- A. Cashing checks
- B. Finding properties to sell
- C. Preparing legal papers
- D. Financing the purchase of homes

4. After the sale of a home who pays real estate brokers?

- A. Buyer of the home
- B. Government
- C. Real estate agent
- D. Seller of the home

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a real estate broker? _____

Present four specific reasons why or why not.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____



What if I were A Travel Agent

Millions of people travel great distances everyday. Many travelers realize traveling long distances is often difficult considering all of the price and schedule changes made by airlines, cruise lines, motor coaches, and railways on a daily basis. Prices, schedules, and availability are rarely constant throughout the year. Often travelers turn to travel agents to help them get to where they would like to go for the best price and the most direct route.

The job of a travel agent is to advise the traveler of all of the options a person has when traveling and to help him or her get the tickets and make any other arrangements. Travel agents offer advice on such things as the major attractions, recreational activities, restaurants, and weather conditions. They often arrange for car rentals, hotels, and ground transportation for their clients. For people traveling internationally, they provide information on customs, travel policies, currency rates, and required documents such as passports and visas

In order to make the best possible arrangements, travel agents consult computer-based sources and industry publications. They often research arrival and departure times, fares, and rating of each vendor they expect to do business with. Travel agents are often used by many major cruise lines, resorts, and travel groups to promote their special packages to the public. Travel agents usually make a commission on each booking they make.

Most agents begin their career straight out of high school. A strong background in the use of computers is very helpful. A number of colleges and universities offer degree-track programs in travel and tourism.

Name _____

Date _____

What if I were a Travel Agent Answer Sheet

Directions: For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer. For question 5, write your answer in complete sentences.

1. When would you suggest your friend visit a travel agent?

- A. When they want to take a long trip. B. When they need to rent a car.
C. When they want to take a taxi ride. D. When they want to take a bus.

2. You can make most travel arrangements over the phone, what would be the advantage to using a travel agent?

- A. They can dial faster.
B. Travel agents have experience with a number of vendors and can make recommendations on the best companies to use.
C. You cannot book flights over the phone.
D. Only travel agents can book return flights.

3. What tool should you know how to use well before you become a Travel Agent?

- A. Car B. Computer
C. Cell phone D. Television

4. After the booking of a trip, who pays travel agents?

- A. The customer booking the trip. B. The car rental company.
C. They receive money from the companies they book trips for.

5. Do you feel you would like to work as a travel agent? _____

Write four specific reasons why or why not.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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